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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
13th December 1862.

Read the following papers :—

No. 37. From RAJAH STREE YAIKOGEE ; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Muddyarjeenum, 20th October 1862.

With reference to para. 2 of the Order of Government in the Political Department, No. 110, dated 18th March 1862, communicating Extract from a Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, declining the renewal to me of the annual stipend of 25,000 Pagodas which was granted to my late adoptive father Pretaub Sing Gee, I beg respectfully to submit herewith a further appeal to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State in modification of my original prayer and urging additional reasons for a compliance herewith, and I therefore earnestly solicit that Government will be kindly pleased after perusal of the arguments set forth and the prayer now made kindly to transmit the Appeal with their best support which I humbly crave they will be so good as to accord to me.

To the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India in Council.

The humble Petition of RAJAH STREE YAIKOGEE, adopted son of His Highness the late RAJAH STREE PRETAUB SING GEE.

Respectfully Showeth,

1. With reference to the decision of your Excellency of the 8th February 1862, declining to renew in favor of your Petitioner, the annual allowance of Pags., 25,000, which was drawn by your Petitioner's adoptive father, your Petitioner now begs to solicit that your Excellency will be kindly pleased to re-consider his case and to grant the modified prayer now made. In submitting which, your Petitioner begs to state

2. That your Petitioner is the son, by adoption, of the late Rajah Stree Pretaub Sing of Tanjore, who succeeded his father His Highness the late Ameer Sing Gee in the enjoyment of a grant of Star Pagodas twenty-five thousand per annum, secured by the 8th Article of a Treaty between the Honorable the East India Company and His Highness Maharajah Surfoojee, dated 26th October 1799.

3. That on the death of the Rajah Pretaub Sing Gee, a sum of Rupees 550 per mensem was granted for the support of his senior widow Emoona Boyee (who lived but a short while to enjoy this grant,) and smaller sums for the maintenance of the other members and dependants of the deceased Rajah's family, including his concubines, two of whom received a pension of 200 Rupees each monthly ; whilst no provision whatever was made for your Petitioner, who had a much stronger claim on the consideration of the British Government as being the adopted son of the deceased Rajah.

4. That the Begum Emoona Boyee has since died, and her pension has been declared to have lapsed to the State,—thereby depriving your Petitioner altogether of the slender means of subsistence which he enjoyed from his above said adoptive mother, and rendering far more humiliating the position to which he had been previously reduced by the refusal of the Government to entertain his claim to a continuance of the allowance to which his late adoptive father had succeeded under the Treaty. Thus, the present condition of your Petitioner is most deplorable,—bereft of all means of maintenance, and incapable from his position, early training and associations from holding any employment,—while all around him, even to the concubines and illegitimate children of his deceased father and of the late Rajah of Tanjore, have been amply provided for.

5. That your Petitioner, feeling most poignantly his wretchedness and degradation, ventures once more to appeal to your Excellency in Council, and to solicit your best sympathies on his behalf. Now that the British Government have in their unbounded generosity directed the whole of the property, moveable and unmoveable, belonging to His Highness the late Rajah of Tanjore to be made over to his senior widow Kamachee Boyee, for the benefit of all the members of his family, and have further granted to them handsome allowances for their maintenance, with comfort and dignity, not excepting even the concubines and illegitimate children and other dependants of different degrees of remote relationship to the late Rajah, your

Petitioner therefore humbly hopes that your Excellency in Council will take a compassionate view of his position and present circumstances as compared with those of the other members of the Tanjore family, and in the same spirit of liberal policy authorize a suitable provision to be made for your Petitioner, who, by right of adoption, which the British Government have declared to all the Native Princes and Chiefs in India, they will recognize and uphold, has every claim on their consideration. Your Petitioner does not desire to trespass longer on the time and attention of your Excellency in Council, and leaves his case entirely in your hands, confident that your Excellency will extend your sympathy to him and protect him from the evil consequences of the misfortunes which have befallen the House to which he belongs.

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

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NEAR COMBACONUM
20th October 1862.

(Signed) RAJAH STREE YAIKOGEE,

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No. 38. From H. A. MANGLES, Esq., Acting Accountant General; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 29th November 1862, No. 292.

Bond Department.

With reference to your Official Memorandum, No. 294, dated 24th instant, enquiring whether Rajah Stree Yaikogee, adopted son of the late Rajah Stree Pretaub Sing Gee of Tanjore holds, or ever has held, any Government Securities, and if so, to what amount, I have the honor to state that there was one Government Security in deposit with the late Government Agency, in the name of Yaikogee Saib, viz., No. 11,395 of 1842-43 for Co.'s Rupees 30,700, which was delivered over at his request to the Bank of Madras on the 19th January 1857.

2. There were three other Government Securities in deposit, in the name of the late R. Pretaub Sing Gee, viz:—

No. 8,141 of 1842-43 for Co.'s Rupees 20,000.
,, 8,142 of ,, for ,, 20,000.
,, 8,143 of ,, for ,, 20,000.

These Securities were also delivered over to the Bank of Madras on account of Yaikogee Saib, as the legal representative of the deceased, agreeably to the request contained in his letter, to the Government Agents, dated 5th April 1858. The delivery of these last mentioned three Securities was made the subject of a reference to Government on the 2nd December 1857, No. 254.

3. The abovementioned four Government Securities appear to be still at the Bank of Madras, as the Interest for the last half-year up to 1st August 1862 was drawn thereon by the Secretary and Treasurer as the Attorney of Yaikogee Saib.

4. It cannot be ascertained from the Records of this Office if there are any other Securities standing in the name of Rajah Stree Yaikogee, as no Register is kept showing the number of Government Securities belonging to any particular individual, or the transfers of them from one party to another.

No. 39. ORDER THEREON, 13th December 1862, No. 499.

Ordered that the petition received with the first of the above letters be transmitted to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India with reference to the correspondence noted below:—

To Secretary of State for India, 8th July 1859, No. 21.
From do. 12th Jan. 1860, ,, 3, para. 2.
To do. 25th Oct. 1861, ,, 25.
From do. 8th Feb. 1862, ,, 2, para. 4.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Read the following papers:
From Rajah Stree Yacogee (Dated 20 October 1862)
From Acctt. General ——— " ——— 29 Novr. — " — No. 292)

No. 499 — d/13 Decr. 1862.

Ordered that the Petition received with the first of the above letters be transmitted to the Right Honble the Secretary of State for India with reference to the correspondence noted below.

To Secy. of State for India 8th July 1859 No. 21
From ——— do ——— 12th Jany. 1860 — 3. para 2
To ——— do ——— 25 Octr. 1861 — 25
From ——— do ——— 28 Feby. 1862 — 2. para 4.

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